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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, help us to live beyond the meager resources of our adequacies and learn that You are totally reliable when we trust You completely. You constantly lead us into challenges and opportunities that are beyond our erudition and experience. We know that in every circumstance You provide us with exactly what we need.

Looking back over our lives, we know that we could not have made it without Your intervention and inspiration. And when we settle back on a comfortable plateau of satisfaction, suddenly You press us on to new levels in the adventure of leadership. You are a disturber of false peace, the developer of dynamic character, and the ever-present Deliverer when we attempt what we could not do on our own. Thank You for the tangible evidence of Your answer to our prayers for an agreement on the budget.

May this be a day in which we attempt something beyond our human adequacy and discover that You are able to provide the power to pull it off. Give us a fresh burst of excitement for the duties of this day so that we will be able to serve courageously. Indeed, we will attempt great things for You and expect great things from You. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Kansas, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morn-

ing business until 11:30 a.m. Following the morning business period, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1022, the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill. Under the order, Senator WELLSTONE will be recognized for 1 hour, equally divided, to debate his two amendments to the bill.

In addition, from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., the Senate will recess for the weekly policy luncheons to meet. And by consent, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will then proceed to a series of votes on the remaining amendments in order to S. 1022, the State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill, including final passage.

Also, by previous consent, following the votes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will resume the Transportation appropriations bill. As previously announced, all amendments to the Transportation appropriations bill must be offered and debated during today's session. Therefore, additional votes can be anticipated throughout today's session of the Senate.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

It appears to me that perhaps we do not have a quorum. As a matter of fact, I suggest to you, Mr. President, the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1022

Mr. ROBERTS. I ask unanimous consent, Mr. President, that the votes scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m. today now begin at 3:30 p.m.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2015

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2015 at 12 noon, Wednesday, regardless of the receipt of the papers from the House.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak for 10 minutes, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LAKE TAHOE PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, approximately 1 year ago I asked President Clinton to convene a summit on the environmental problems facing Lake Tahoe. He did convene a summit in Lake Tahoe this past Friday and Saturday. Vice President GORE and President Clinton both came to Lake Tahoe.

Mr. President, Mark Twain said that Lake Tahoe is "the fairest picture the

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